



CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held on October 29, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 8:36 AM

Committee Members Present: Victor Capellan, Sonia Grace, Kathy Gaouette, Cynthia DeJesus, Ana Cecilia Rosado, Fabian Bustos

Committee Members Absent: Matthew Jerzyk (Excused), Troy Silvia (Excused).

Others Present: Michael DeMatteo, Sihan Sun and Michael St. Jean

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Approval of the minutes of September 25, 2015 – Motion made by Sonia Grace, Second by Ana Cecilia Rosado. All in favor.

2. Discussion application to RIDE for Fast Track Repair Program. Mr. Capellan informed the committee that there are 3 programs and 2 funding sources under RIDE's School Building Authority. He stated that the District and the City are ready to move forward to the next level – Phase I, pursuant to receiving approval from RIDE to submit a Phase I application. Ms. De Jesus asked what does being ready mean? Mr. Capellan explained that being ready meant taking the next step to submit the Phase I documents. Several questions emerged about the difference between Emergency Repairs, Fast Track and Major Programs. Mr. Capellan stated that he would extend an invitation to Mr. Joseph Da Silva from RIDE to discuss at the next meeting of the committee.

3. A discussion of RIDE's Major Projects Program was held. Ms. Gaouette asked if we had indeed looked into the Safe Act to determine if Higginson Park was exempt from that legislation. Mr. Capellan informed her that he had learned from Torrado Architects that they had indeed done this search and the land there was cleared. Ms. Grace stated that Narragansett Bay had been looking to do some work there, but that that was no longer the case, as far as she knew.

Mr. Capellan stated that soon we would move towards the process of engaging students, teachers and parents in what they would like to see in regards to the future of schools in Central Falls. Ms. Rosado indicated that we should start with students and teachers.

4. There was no other business before the Committee.

- Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rosado and seconded by Ms. Grace. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.